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SCONSIN SCORES IN GRADE III, \$150,000 WINNING COLORS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, May 22, 2021) – The 18th running of Saturday night's \$150,000 Winning Colors (Grade III) at Churchill Downs went according to plan for **Lloyd Madison Farms IV LLC's** homebred **Sconsin** as she displayed her powerful closing kick to rush past early pacemakers **Rising Seas** and 3-5 favorite **Frank's Rockette** inside the final furlong to win the six-furlong sprint for fillies and mares by 3 ¼ lengths in 1:08.80.

Tyler Gaffalione rode the winner for trainer **Greg Foley**.

Breaking from the rail in the compact field of five, Rising Seas went straight to the front with Frank's Rockette rushed to join after hesitating at the start. **Tipsy Gal** also was in close pursuit with Sconsin comfortably tracking the leading trio after quarter mile fractions of :21.72 and :44.55. Sconsin was tipped to the outside after leaving the turn, rallied and flew past those foes at the furlong pole to draw off for the victory.

"Everything set up like we thought it would," Gaffalione said. "The speed went on and set quick fractions. We were able to sit back and bide our time. When I put her out at the top of the lane she finished the job."

Just three week ago, Sconsin finished a game second to champion female sprinter **Gamine** in the \$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (GI) on Kentucky Derby Day.

"She's a good filly," Foley said. "She came out of the (Derby City Distaff) really good. I knew she was going to run well."

The victory was worth \$93,000, which pushed the 4-year-old filly's career earnings to \$546,512 from a record of 4-3-1 in 12 starts. Last September, Sconsin defeated favorite **Four Graces** to upset the \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by TwinSpires.com (GIII) on Kentucky Oaks Day.

"We gave her some time this winter just to back off of her and have her ready for the spring," Foley said. "That was the game plan and everything has gone great so far. She ran a big race to Gamine (in the Derby City Distaff) on Derby Day and made her run, anyway. She loves Churchill (5-3-1-0) and that's why I wanted to run her here tonight."

Sent to post as the even-money second betting choice, Sconsin paid \$4.20, \$3.20 and \$2.10. Rising Seas, at odds of 14-1 under **Corey Lanerie**, returned \$6.80 and \$2.60. Frank's Rockette, another half-length back of the runner-up under **Florent Geroux**, paid \$2.10 to show.

It was another 2 ¾ lengths back to slow-starting **Headland** in fourth and a neck back to Tipsy Gal in fifth. **Bayerness** was scratched.

"Lloyd Madison Farms, a group of three guys from Madison, Wisc., they're my main guys, my big owners," Foley said. "They've been with me a long time and I'm tickled to death to have a filly like this. We bred and raised this filly. I raced her mama."

Sconsin is a daughter of Include out of the Tiznow mare Sconnie and was bred in Kentucky.

Next up for Sconsin could be a start in the \$110,000 Roxelana Overnight Stakes, a 6 ½-furlong sprint for fillies and mares on June 19.

"After that, depending how well she runs, maybe jump up to the (Grade I, \$500,000) Ballerina (Handicap over seven furlongs at Saratoga on Aug. 28). I'd like to win a Grade I with her. We've got her mother and her and it's a pretty nice family."

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The Winning Colors is named in honor of **Eugene Klein's Winning Colors**, the most recent filly to have won the Kentucky Derby when she beat the boys in the 114th running of the Run for the Roses in 1988 for the Hall of Fame tandem of trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** and jockey **Gary Stevens**.

Later on the 11-race "Downs After Dark" card, 5-year-old mare **Temple City Terror** reeled in defending champ and runaway early leader **Dalika (Ger)** inside the final yards to win the eighth running of the \$103,125 Keertana Overnight Stakes by three-quarters of a length. **Tweety Show** was another three lengths back in third.

Temple City Terror stopped the teletimer in 2:29.57 for 1 ½ miles over "firm" turf under **Adam Beschizza**, who rode the winner for trainer **Brendan Walsh** and owner **Pocket Aces Racing LLC** (Marc Wampler and Jared Shoemaker).

Temple City Terror won for the fourth time in 20 starts and collected her first stakes triumph. The Kentucky-bred daughter of Temple City paid \$13.20 as the 5-1 fourth betting choice in the field of nine fillies and mares, and banked \$65,819 to push her career earnings to \$288,401.

Racing at Churchill Downs resumes Sunday with a 10-race card that begins at 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern).

WINNING COLORS QUOTES

Greg Foley, trainer of SCONSIN (winner): "She's a good filly. She came out of the (Derby City Distaff) really good. I knew she was going to run well. Lloyd Madison Farms, a group of three guys from Madison, Wisc., they're my main guys, my big owners. They've been with me a long time and I'm tickled to death to have a filly like this. We bred and raised this filly. I raced her mama (Sconnie). (Sconsin) is a sweatheart, easy to gallop and easy to train. She had a great year over here last year, winning the Grade II (Eight Belles). We gave her some time this winter just to back off of her and have her ready for the spring. That was the game plan and everything has gone great so far. She ran a big race to Gamine (in the Derby City Distaff) on Derby Day and made her run, anyway. She loves Churchill and that's why I wanted to run her here tonight. And there's the Roxelena right at the end of the meet and that's probably the plan. After that, depending how well she runs, maybe jump up to the Ballerina. I'd like to win a Grade I with her. We've got her mother and her and it's a pretty nice family."

Tyler Gaffalione, jockey of SCONSIN (winner): "Everything set up like we thought it would. The speed went on and set quick fractions. We were able to sit back and bide our time. When I put her out at the top of the lane she finished the job. These are great people (the Foleys). I'm just thrilled. I don't get to ride many for them but they sure picked a good one for me."

Kenny McCarthy, assistant trainer of FRANK'S ROCKETTE (third as the 3-5 favorite): "She bobbled, it looked like, a little bit of the gate but then got herself into good position. She just got outrun."

KEERTANA QUOTES

Brendan Walsh, trainer of TEMPLE CITY TERROR (winner): "To be honest, I thought she had one short run. That's what she showed in her shorter races. But she was able to sustain it today. It's a nice win to open up (opportunities) with the trip. We'll move forward from here. It was fantastic. It worked out great. This filly, she's been just rock solid since Day One. It took her a while to break her maiden (in her ninth start) but she shows up every time. All credit to her."

Adam Beschizza, jockey of TEMPLE CITY TERROR (winner): "I think the fractions (:24.21, :48.14, 1:13.33 and 1:38.52) were pretty sensible but me and Florent (Geroux), who was on (Delta's Kingdom), were quite aware that after a half-mile (Dalika) was still a sixteenth (of a mile) ahead of us. All credit to the second-place horse, who ran well. This filly, Brendan (Walsh) has done a fantastic job with her. Stepping her up to a mile-and-a-half seems to be looking bright now. Based on her past performances at Fair Grounds, she seemed to settle like she'd get the distance. I'm glad he put her forward to the test. She has a great turn of foot when you let her loose. She got the job done today."

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